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1. SUMMARY: USREP REQUESTS FURTHER GUIDANCE ON WHAT CAN BE SAID IN APRIL 18-22 INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON CTB, NOTING THIS WAS ANTICIPATED IN REFTEL. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE BELIEVE A HELPFUL PRECEDENT MAY BE PROVIDED BY RELATIVE SUCCESS OF USDEL'S EXPOSITIONS IN CCD, AND IN BILATERALS WITH USSR, ON SUBJECT OF CW, WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN COMPARABLE LIMITATIONS ON WHAT COULD BE SAID PENDING COMPLETION OF US POLICY REVIEW. WHILE APPRECIATING DELICACIES OF THIS SUBJECT, USREP BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HALPFUL TO USG PUBLIC POSITION IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO INDICATE IN GENERAL TERMS THE NATURE OF PROBLEMS WITH CTB, WITHOUT DEFINITIVE COMMITMENT. REQUEST ADVICE PRIOR TO APRIL 18. ENDSUMMARY.

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2. USDEL'S INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT OF CTB, CONTAINED IN PARA 3 REFTEL, ARE SEVERELY RESTRICTIVE TO ANY REAL PARTICIPATION IN CCD'S INFORMAL MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT, SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF APRIL 18, OR FOR ABILITY TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS. LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 3 STATES FURTHER GUIDANCE WOULD BE PROVIDED. AS WE NEAR END OF CW BILATERALS WITH USSR DEL, FOLLOWING WEEK OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BY

CCD WITH PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS ON SAME SUBJECT, USREP THINKS THE CW DISCUSSIONS DEMONSTRATE PRACTICAL BENEFITS FOR USG PUBLIC POSITION AND FOR RELATIONS IN CCD, DERIVING FROM FACT THAT USDEL HAS BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK CONCRETELY TO PROBLEMS WITH CW BAN, AND INDICATE IN NON-BINDING TERMS VIEWS ON SCOPE OF CW BAN, ASPECTS OF VERIFICATION, AND OTHER CONCRETE ISSUES WHICH FORM CORE OF CW BAN LIMITATIONS, EVEN THOUGH USG CW POLICY REVIEW IS FAR FROM COMPLETED. OF COURSE, EXISTENCE OF US-USSR BILATERALS ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH ARE GENERALLY KNOWN TO OTHER CCD MEMBERS, HAS BEEN A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO MAINTAINING REASONABLE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC POSTURE ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT WE THINK THAT, OBJECTIVELY, PRESENTATIONS MADE BY USDEL IN PLENARY AND IN INFORMAL CCD SESSIONS HAVE CONVEYED IMPRESSION OF SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH USG ADDRESSES THIS SUBJECT AND EXTENSIVENESS OF TECHNICAL EXAMINATION ALREADY CARRIED OUT WITHIN USG. THIS WILLINGNESS TO SPEAK TO THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF CW BAN, DESPITE CLEAR INDICATIONS BY US DEL THAT US POLICY REVIEW WAS NOT COMPLETED AND THAT USDEL VIEWS WERE HENCE ONLY TENTATIVE, HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL IN MAINTAINING POSITION OF US AS A LEADER IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUBJECT, AND AS GOVERNMENT AWARE OF ATTITUDES AND CONCERNS OF OTHERS SERIOUS OF ACHIEVING CW BAN.

3. IN LIGHT THESE RECENT EXPERIENCES, USREP, WHILE REASONABLE COGNIZANT OF INTERNAL STATE OF USG INTERNAL CONSIDERATIONS ON CTB SUBJECT, URGES THAT SPEEDY ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING US WITH MATERIAL ENABLING AT LEAST ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS TO A GREATER DEGREE THAN REFTEL PRESENTLY PERMITS. AS ONE ILLUSTRATION, COULD USDEL BE ENABLED
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TO INDICATE SOME OF DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY CONTINUANCE OF PNES WITHIN A CTB CONTEXT, AS WELL AS SOMETHING ABOUT VERIFICATION ISSUES IN THIS CONTEXT? THIS COULD CLEARLY BE STATED TO BE ON A PRELIMINARY RATHER THAN IN ANY WAY DEFINITIVE BASIS, GIVEN FACT THAT USG HAD NOT COMPLETED ITS POLICY REVIEW. BUT PRESENT INABILITY EVEN TO DESCRIBE SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS, IN CCD'S FORTHCOMING SESSION ON SUBJECT, WILL BE VIEWED WITH BOTH CONCERN AND SKEPTICISM WITHIN AND WITHOUT CCD. USDEL IS PREPARED TO SIT LIKE PROVERBIAL BUMPS ON LOG, DURING CTB DISCUSSIONS, IF THAT IS NECESSARY. WE ARE ASKING WHETHER THERE IS NOT SOME BETTER WAY, COMPARABLE TO REASONABLY FORTHCOMING ATTITUDES DEMONSTRATED BY USDEL DURING CW DISCUSSIONS, TO ADVANCE USG INTERESTS, HAVING IN VIEW A VERY CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC OPINION ELEMENT IN THIS RESPECT, IN ADDITION TO FUNDAMENTAL NATIONAL SECURITY ASPECT.

4. US REP REQUESTS ADVICE, IF FEASIBLE BY APRIL 15 AND, IF NOT, BY COMMENCEMENT OF WEEK APRIL 18, DURING WHICH CTB WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CCD. SORENSON

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